WHAT IS GOING ON IN SUCIETY.

Parties to the country have been the rage of the past week, and young New York has been travelling to and fro upon the earth and rushing up and down upon it with as keen a relish for the novelties to be found in ice-bound roads and snow-covered fields and meadows as if it did not inhabit a gay and brilliant capital, where diversion for every hour of the night and day can be obtained without going a stone's throw from one's own door.

A stranger in the city who had chanced to be

passing down Forty-second street on Wednes-day night, or rather Thursday morning last, at going on at the Grand Central station, so nugoing on at the private carriages that lined | mercus were the private carriages that lined | the otherwise deserted street, and so impatient | the liveried flunkies, who stamped and swore and gnashed their teeth at the delay attending the arrival of the train from New Rochelle. It was the night of the exhibition of tableaux at Castle Inn for the benefit of the Southampton shurch, and the thermometer, with the perversity characteristic of American thermometers had chosen to fall about thirty degrees in the lew hours that intervened between the departure and the return of that special rain. Consequently the crowd which went out. full of pluck and spirit, at about 6 o'clock P. M., came back cold, crose, and hungry in the small hours of as keen and bitter a winter morning as was ever felt south of Greenland. The scenes from Punch, and indeed the whole entertainment at New Rochelle, were sminently successful and satisfactory. Great originality was displayed by the ladies and entlemen who got the thing up. rtage with all its fittings and decorations was most tastefully arranged, and the performers, simest without exception, acted their parts to perfection. If the zephyrs had not blown so briskly over bald heads and rheumatic shoulders, if the audience had not been compelled to sit in arctics and ulsters, and if old Boreas had but mitigated the sting of his flerce blasts on the drive from Castle Inn to the station, enthusiasm might have reached a more blazing point than it did under the trials and sufferings, for which the Signal Service is no doubt responsible. As it is, we trust that a repetition of this very clever performance may take place when atmospheric influences are not quite so antagonistic as they were on this first asion, and when those who had the bad taste to prefer their own firesides with the ther-

died on Tuesday at Brighton, England.

We understand that the large house in West Forty-seventh street, built and formerly occupied by Dr. Ward, has been purchased by Mr. Lynch, and will be by him remodelled and divided into three houses, each one of which will

be large and commodious. It is no longer necessary that a man should be of the stature that God made him, any more than it is indispensable that a woman should wear hair of the color that nature provided for

tear hair of the color that nature provided for ser. Thanks to the creative ingenuity of french bootmakers, a man's height may new se increased from one to two inches without the administration one to two inches without the administration of the sole of his boot. An inserior panding has been contrived, which, without temp percentible to outsiders, turns dwarfs also men of fair hoight, and gives to others a sommanding presence. In the course of another seneration art will probably se completer triumph over nature that personal defects and demanders will no longer be perceptible in the human rase.

And, by the way, we see that there has been a regular revolt made by the Panisian hairdresses against the present simple and classical tiple of wearing the hair, which is commonly known as the conflure Anginice. The peddlers and very successful the same in the hair, which is commonly shown as the conflure Anginice. The peddlers and classical tiple of wearing the hair, which is commonly shown as the conflure and results and the adoption of the small, insignificant knob in the back of the neck, that whereas the exportation of also nate that near that shows and the successful the present in the hast two years, and therefore the hairdressers of Paris have decared to a man that sweet simplicity shall have a fall, and the headdress of the future shall revert to the monstrosities of rolls, platts, curis, and tuesties, which made a woman's head the size of a bushel backet a few years ago.

THE CRISIS IN IRELAND.

Official Bungling-Excitement in England

DUBLIN, Dec. 22 .- The Irish fever shows o symptoms of abatement, and troubles seem to thicken daily round the Government. The telegram received yesterday from Washington is not calculated to pour oil upon the troubled waters. The National party are in ecstasies of 'America has her revenue now for years of English insolence." "The States have not forgotten how the British intrigued with the South in the time of the war." paying off the old score of the Alabama." Buch about 1 o'clock would have imagined that | are the comments to be heard everywhere from some especially brilliant entertainment was | the Land Leaguers and their sympathizers, Two Jarvies were heard last night at Wirtland row communing over the Evening Telegraph. 'Tis grand, so 'tis, this news from Americay," said one, "Yis, bedad," replied his friend; 'tis a rate slap in the face to the English for

wance." The anti-English feeling seems to be quite as much gratified as the national sentiment by this act on the part of the United States Government. English opinion can hardly be defi-nitely ascertained as yet, for the London papers are full of the extraordinary news from the Cape. The Basutos have defeated the colonial troops under Carrington, and the Pondo have driven back the British column sent into their territory. A few hours after the receipt of this startling intelligence comes the news that the Boers have proclaimed an independent republic, under Kruger, and have seized on Heidelberg. The Boers pretended to submit to Bir Bartle Frere's high-handed proceedings in annexing their possessions to the British crown, and got, under this pretence of submission, the assistance of the English in subduing their enemies, the Zulus. No sooner is that done than they at once raise the flag of independence, and prepare to resist to the utmost the greedy spirit of the British colonists. who have provoked another war, for purely selfish ends. From Donald Currie, the shipper down to the Cape Town market gardeners, fortunes were reaped during the Zulu campaign, and the colonists, having tasted the profits of war, are loath to return to the ordinary quiet modes of commercial and agricultural progress. Loud are the outcries from Cape Town for regiments and war supplies; but it is doubtful whether they will or can be listened to at home. Sir Bartle Frere and his master, Lord Beacons-field, have indeed left a legacy of trouble, in the way of foreign policy, behind them. The sci-

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norant peasants of Ireland be indicated for not helping the society in the detection of the same offences?

Meetings are held now nightly in London, Mr. Arthur O'Connor addressed a crowded audience in Soho, and at Kings Cross the Baitical Association held a debate in which the chief subject under discussion was Chief Justice May's language. At Cumberland Market another assembling collected and inaugurated a subscription for the Parnell Defence Fund, There seems to be infinitely more real sentiment among the Irich in the large towns of Eegland than I can find here. Dublin is as quiet, duil, and order as over. The impancial grow you in my hast chronicle of events, provoked little or no disturbance of the equable calm which characterizes the people at large. The Crown struck off twelve Catholies, Mr. Dillon gave utterance to some excited comments as the Crown officers proceeded in what he termed the slaughter of the innocents. However, nine Catholies still remain of the twenty-four, and the morning of the 28th next Tuesday, will see the fate of Parnell and his friends decided by the retention or rejection of those nine gentlemen.

A very curious and suspicious incident occurred a day or two ago. Mr. Macken, one of the jury not objected to by the Crown, was engaged in his shop, when a man entered and demanded a pound of lead to make builets. Mr. Macken said he had no lead for sale; that the only lead in his shop when a man entered and demanded a pound of lead to make builets. Mr. Macken said he had no lead for sale; that the only lead in his shop when a man entered and demanded a pound of lead to make builets. Mr. Macken said he had no lead for sale; that the only lead in his shop when a man entered and comment of the stranger exciting his suspicions, demanded what his customer meant by making him for such a thing. Not receiving a satisfactory answer, he insisted upon knowing the name of the applicant, who turned out to be a constabulary sergeant named Corciving a satisfactory answer, he insisted upon knowing the n

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The applications for admissions to the court are innumerable, and the Master of the Home Office has a lively time of it among all the influences brought to bear upon him. My seat is seener. I believe somehundred press mon have applied for accommedation. The Judgestrooms will be througed, and as usual, extrapolice are to be stationed inside and outside the court. Mr. Val Dillon is having a telephone hald from the Four Courts to his offices in Rutland square. A comical incident happened yesterday in connection with this circumstance. The wire was in process of being laid under a house next but one to Mr. Dillon's, when the inmates were selfed with alarm, and, under the impression that a burstary was being committed, rushed out and gave the workmen into the charge of the police, who conveyed them to Sackville Lane; it was not until the representative of the telephone company had been sent for that matters were peaceably arranged.

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Speaking of the telephone, the Edison Telephone Commany have been proceeded against by the Postmaster-General for infringing on the governmental monopoly. The case was decided to-day, the Judge holding that a telephone was a telegraph within the meaning of the act.

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This decree seems anything but encouraging to inventors, but it must be allowed that the Americans have disregarded our rights rather too flagrantly to have any just krounds for complaints. Until a sound international law of copyright exists, questions relating to selentific artistic, or literary property cannot be settled on a just or equitable basis.

STRIPPED OF HIS POWER.

Mr. McLaughlin Losing Control in the Kings County Charity Board.

The Kings County Charity Commissioners resterday organized under the new law with only three members, W. M. Shipman, C. J. Henry, and James Ryan, and took possession not only of all the county buildings but also of the Kings County penitentiary. The control of all of these institutions is now in the hands of the Anti-McLaughlin Democrats, and Hugh McLaughlin has been stripped almost bare of the patronage he possessed for many years. ported by the patronage of county offices, but now he is almost completely overthrown. Under the new law the offices held by Harmon V. Storms and Moses Kessel as Charity Commissloners are abolished, but Mr. Storms, claiming that the new law was unconstitutional, at the last election caused tickets to be voted in the county towns bearing his name and that of Moses Kessel, and upon these few votes he claimed a certificate of election from the county canvassers, but the claim was rejected. Messrs. Storms and Kessel then took the oath of office, and it was expected that yesterday they would antempt to act with Commissioner Byan, and seize the control of the departments. In preparation for this, Commissioner Shipman had two policemen attend the meeting yesterday to arrest Messrs. Storms and Kessel if they interfered. The meeting was held at 444 Fulton street. The Commissioners organized with W. M. Shipman as President, and after the transaction of some routine business, ex-Commissioner Storms entered the room. To show that no attention was paid to his claim, the roll was recalled, and his name was not mentioned. Mr. Storms then demanded that his name be added to the roll, but no attention was paid to his request. He satisfient through the meeting. Ex-Commissioner Kessel did not attend.

Commissioner Henry offered a resolution appointing John Green keeper of the Kings County penitentiary in place of James Shevlin. Mr. Shevlin has managed the penitentiary for a number of years, and Commissioner Ryan vigorously contended that no change was necessary. Mr. Shevlin, he said, had brought about a great reform, and had made the institution nearly self-sustaining.

Mr. Henry said that in assuming control of the penitentiary the Commissioners desired some one to be in charge of it who would be entirely in harmony with their plans of reform. Under Mr. Green's management, Mr. Henry said, he believed the penitentiary would become entirely self-sustaining in a year. The resolution appointing Mr. Green was passed, Commissioner Ryan voting in the negative. Mr. Shevilin, who retires, is a son-in-law of ex-Fire Commissioner Ryan voting in the negative. Mr. Shevilin, who retires, is a son-in-law of ex-Fire Commissioner Ryan voting in the negative. Mr. Shevilin, who retires, is a son-in-law of ex-Fire Commissioner Ryan voting in the negative. Mr. Shevilin, who retires, is a son-in-law of ex-Fire Commissioner Ryan voting in the negative. Mr. Shevilin, who retires, is a son-in-law of ex-Fire Commissioner Ryan voting in the negative. Mr. Shevilin, who retires, is a son-in-law of ex-Fire Commissioner Ryan voting in the neg attempt to act with Commissioner Ryan, and seize the control of the departments. In prep-

William Murray was then appointed Superin-William Murray was then appointed Superintendent of the almshouse, and D. C. Toal was appointed Chief Clerk. Upon motion of Commissioner Henry, the fourth and fifth district offices were abolished, and Commissioner Ryan's office was ordered to be transferred to the almshouse. Commissioner Ryan, who is a McLaughlin Democrat, fought resolutely all of the proposed changes, but being in the minority his opposition did not avail.

The changes were all approved by State Charities Commissioner Ropes, who attended the meeting. Those changes will rob the McLaughlin Democrats of nearly 100 offices. The politicians whose political fortunes have been linked with those of Mr. McLaughlin were blue yesterday over the situation.

AN EXCITING COCKING MAIN.

Queens County Beating Long Island-Fifteen Mard-Pought Battles.

Some time ago a cocking main between Queens County and Long Island birds was arranged. A place on the outskirts of Brooklyn was selected, and the night which closed the old year and brought in the new was fixed upon for the time. While tin horn blasts and pistol shots were signalizing the end of 1880 the sporting men in the secret of the meeting were gathering at the place. Many from New York were there, as well as from the places furnishing the game cocks.

Seventeen battles had been agreed upon, but

the match was decided in fifteen. The main was one of the most stubbernly contested ever fought; the birds showed the highest fighting qualities, and were so evenly matched that many of the battles were unusually protracted. many of the battles were unusually protracted, so that the sun of New Year's morn was high in the heavens before the match was decided.

The first and second battles were fought between evenly-matched birds, and were decided by rapid cut and slash work, the Queens County bird winning the first battle, the Long Island bird the second. The feature of chief interest in the third battle was the speedy defeat of the Queens County bird, who was the favorite in the betting because he stood so high that it was expected that he would speedily overreach and brain the black red, who sustained the fortunes of the Long Islanders. On the second fly the latter coupled his big antagonist, and rolled him over by a deep, strong thrust that reached a vital part.

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The fourth battle was one of the longest and most furiously contested ever fought. Both birds weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces, and were perfectly even in fighting qualities and ondurance. It was cet and slash for nearly a quarter of an hour until both were so exnausted that they could not stand up. The betting had been even, and the excitement was intense. Finally, as they lay side by side in the pit, the spangled chicken backed by the Queens County men made a drive at the black Long Island bird, braining him, and winning the match.

The score was now even up between Long Island and Queens County. The fifth and sixth battles left it still even, for in the former the Long Island bird turned tail and ran, and in the latter the Queens County bird was blinded on the second fly, and although fightins gamely under this disadvantage, was finally killed by his antagonist. The seventh battle was won by the Queens County chicken after a hard fight of twelve minutes. The Long Islanders, however, again tied the score on the sighth battle, which was a long and gamely contested one. The yellow-backed Long Islanders, however, again tied the score on the sighth battle, which was a long and gamely contested one. The birds weighed 4 pounds 9 ounces each. The yellow-backed Long Islanders, however, again tied the score on the light of twelve minutes. The latter still kept at his dodging factics until the exhausted dark red was unable to come to time, and was counted out. No score had the victory been decided in favor of the Long Islander the Long Islander. The Long Islander had been cut on the second fir, managed to cut his antagonist's throat, The Long Island bird was unable to come to time, and was counted out. No score had the victory been decided in favor of the Long Island bird won the eleventh battle on the count out, but hin the twelfith the Queens County men managed to cut his

THE JURORS' NEW YEAR'S. spent in a Vain Effort to Agree in the Case of James Prancis Keegan.

The trial of James Francis Keegan for alleged libel on ex-Senator Winfield of Jersey City was concluded before Judge Garretson in the Hudson County Court, Jersey City, on Friday, Mr. Keegan was early in his place, smiling and looking confident. The first witness called for the defence was Mr. Gillmore, one of the lawyers in the Lewis will case. One of the charges in the alleged libel was that Mr. Winfield, as counsel for the pretended widow, wa present at the hearing on probate of the will o the deceased millionaire, when she swore that she did not know Andrew J. Park, afterward convicted as a co-conspirator with her, and tha although months before that time Park had accompanied her to Winfield's office when she retained him as counsel, and took part in the discussion, Mr. Winfield sat by and did not disclose the perjury.

Ex-Judge Curtls rend from the pretended

widow's printed testimony:
Q -Do you know a man named Dr. Parks, in Hoboken
A -No, sir: I do not. A—No, sir: I do not.
Q—Ilave you ever seen bim? A—No, sir: I think not.
Q—Ilave you ever seen bim? A—No, sir: I think not.
Q—Ilave you over spoken to a man who goes by the name of Dr.
Antirew J. A—Not that I am aware of.
Q—Have you, since the death of Mr. Lawis, seen a man at a house in Hudson street, Hobokon? A.—No, sir.
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After giving this testimony Mrs. Lewis was recalled on another day, and corrected her testimony by saying that while she did not know a Dr. Parka, she knew Dr. Parka, and he had been her physician.

James A. MecLauchlan, who was stenographer for the Government at the trial of the protended widow, with Park, Sacia, and the others, for conspiracy, was called to show that she then contradiced her former lestimony in regard to her knowledge of Dr. Park. In the course of a sharp discussion, ex. Judgo Ourtis, spocke of the widow's perjured testimony, and said she could not be found to testify here. Mr. Hoffman argued that it was absurd to prove from hearsay what was said by a witness admittedly perjured, and Judge Garretson excluded the testimony. Mr. Curtis again called Mrs. Elehhorn, who figured in the Lewis will case, but she did not respond.

Prosecutor McGill read the remainder of the widow's testimony on the subject of her intercourse with Dr. Park, and rested on behalf of the State.

Mr. Curtis asked that the jury be directed to acquit on the ground that there was not evidence enough, which the Court declined to do.

Mr. Curtis, in summing up, spoke of the disadvantages of the friendless and moneyless prisoner with the power of the State arrayed against him, and an eminent lawyer as the complaining witness. Keegan, he said, was a college mate of his partner, to whom Keegan went in his trouble, and by his persuasion he (Mr. Curtis) was here without fee or reward. He insisted that Keegan had no malice against Mr. Winfield, whom he did not heaven know. Further, and the bone with the histor of the first callbre. The jury were processed the law as well as the fact, and the Biate's only hope of a conviction was in putting Mr. Winfield on the stand. It was not sufficient for Mr. Winfield were mere relievations of the libed on the part of Keegan, who had observed the remain

MRS. CHAPMAN'S ESCAPE.

The Singular Mistake that Invalidated her SMETHPORT, Pa., Jan. 1 .- On the night of

the 12th of July, 1880, Orlando Chapman, a bark peeler, who lived in Condersport, Potter County, Pa., was taken ill. There were several boarders in his house, smong them a man named Barker, whom Chapman, it is said. suspected of being on too intimate terms with his wife. Mrs. Chapman sent Barker to a drug store after medicine for her husband. When he returned, Chapman, it is averred, asked to let Chapman see it, and gave it to Mrs. Chapman. Chapman grew worse, and finally took a man. Chapman grew worse, and finally took a dose of medicine prepared by his wife. The next morning he was so much worse that a boarder insisted that a physician be sent for, and Mrs. Chapman sent Barker for one. Barker was gone more than an hour, and then returned saying that he could find no physician. Chapman died soon afterward in great agony. A post-mortem examination was made, and physicians were unanimous in the decision that Chapman's death was the result of narcotic poison. Mrs. Chapman was arrested and lodged in jail at Condersport. She was indicted, but when her trial was called in September an irregularity in the indictment made a continuance necessary. A second indictment was found last week at the December term of court.

When the case came up a sensation was created by the District Attorney announcing that a serious Irregularity in the Grand Jury room had invalidated the proceedings against Mrs. Chapman. He said that among the Grand Jurors drawn was J. H. Leach of Oswayo township. In Hester township lived a man named H. J. Leach. The latter imagined that he had been drawn as a juror, and had presented himself at court. He was sworn in as a juror without the error being discovered. He took his place in the jury room. It happened that a juror named Wheaton was ill, and not present. Instead of calling the roll of jurymen the foremen counted them, and, finding the necessary number, proceeded to business. A new indictment against Mrs. Chapman was found among other business transacted. The error of H. J. Leach's presence was not discovered until the jury was discharged by the Court. The entire criminal business of the torm was invalidated. On the motion of the District Attorney a nolie was entered in the case of Mrs. Chapman, and she was discharged. dose of medicine prepared by his wife. The

BUSINESS FIRMS THAT WERE

Fallures in 1850—Manufacturers Heading the List-One Unfortunate Plumber.

Three hundred and forty-four failures were reported in this city during the year 1880. n which the aggregate liabilities were \$19,291,-582, and the assets were valued at \$8,146,291. While the gross liabilities are in round numbers \$2,900,000 greater than in the preceding year, the number of failures is 25 per cent, less, and is the smallest since the panic of 1873. In 1879 there were 460 failures, with liabilities of \$16.384.000 and assets \$5.160.000. One reason for the increase in the liabilities for 1850 over 1879 is the large liabilities of several firms in the coffee, eight, goodry, and fron trades, eight failures in these liabilities of the serial firms in the coffee, eight, goodry, and fron trades, eight failures in these lines having liabilities to the amount of \$10.961.751, or more than one-half of the total liabilities of the year. There were four failures in which the liabilities between \$400.000 and \$1,000.000; five with liabilities between \$400.000 and \$1,000.000; five with liabilities between \$200.000 and \$200.000; nine with liabilities between \$200.000 and \$200.000; nine with liabilities between \$100.000 and \$200.000; nine with liabilities between \$50.000 and \$500.000; nine with liabilities between \$100.000. and the highlities of the series of the series of the suffered most as regards the amount of habilities. There were eight failures in which to total liabilities are estimated at \$5.297.219, and the assets \$2.600.717. Iron and matals come hast, with liabilities of \$4.648.100, and assets \$1.419.220. In point of numbers manufacturers lead the list, twenty-six failures being reported, the total liabilities of which were \$380.130, and assets \$2.935. One pawnbroker failed with liabilities \$4.347 and assets \$1.7.204.
Only one plumber amounced his failure. This liabilities were \$7.243, and assets \$2.935. One pawnbroker failed with liabilities \$4.347 and assets \$1.501. One lawyer made an assignment. year, the number of failures is 25 per cent, less, NOTES OF ENTERTAINMENTS.

Hustrated lecture on "Food" by Prof. A. S. Heath in the Cooper Union free course Saturday evening. the Cooper Union free course Saturday evening.

Musical, literary, and operatic entertainment and reception of the Young Muris Helrew Association of Harlem, Harlem Ansie Hell, Thursday evening.

St. John's hair is Brevoort Hall will close on Thursday evening the Harlem Ansie Hell will close on Thursday evening neat. The yold-headed came was awarded to Justice Scholen B. Smith, who received 2,180 votes Examples and with the provided Harlem Ansient and the control of 110, asying to Ross. You are neither a man nor a mouse.

THE STORY OF AN ELOPEMENT. What It Cost an Irate Pather to Rack Bown

GOSHEN, N. Y., Jan. 1.-The case of Lester B. Winfield, editor of the Standard, published at Montgomery, a few miles from this village, against Walter Mead of the same place, has been sottled. The defendant first offered \$40 to repair the damages he had done to Editor Winfield, which was refused. The another offer was made, and the case was finally settled for \$105. The charge against Mr. Mead who is a well-to-do resident of Montgomery was assault and battery. He had a grievance against Editor Winfield for giving publicity through his weekly paper to the elopement and marriage of his (Mead's) daughter Laura, and, meeting Mr. Winfield at the railroad depot in the village one day, he knocked him down and so injured him that he had to be taken home in a carriage. Mr. Winfield stands nearly seven feet high, but weighs only 115 pounds. It was therefore an easy matter for Mr. Mead to knock

the editor down, as he did with one blow.

The story of the elopement and marriage, as published in Mr. Winfield's Standard, showed

The story of the elopement and marriage, as published in Mr. Winfield's Standard, showed that his own daughter, who was an intimate friend of Laura's, strongly advised the girl not to take such a step. Laura was about 18 years old, and was attending school in the viliage. In some way she got acquainted with Charles A. Godwin of Jersey City, a travolling salesman for the firm of Thorn & Carroll, hosiery dealers of New York city. Godwin, who occasionally visited Monigomery on business, became warmly attached to Laura and held many secret meetings with her. Laura at times disguising herself by exchanging clothing with her schoolmates. At length they opened a correspondence and through this their secret was found out. Laura's parents then put a watch on her movements to frustrate any attempt to elope. When Godwin learned of this he went boldly to the house and told the old folks that if they did not consent to his marriage with Laura they would get married without it. The parents positively refused to give their consent, and thereafter kept a closer watch on their daughter. Then Laura took Editor Winfield's daughter into her confidence and sought her advice, Miss Winfield urged Laura not to elope, but to try and tease her parents into giving their consent to the marriage. Laura promised to act on this advice, tut soon afterward changed her mind. One day she set out for Newburgh ostensibly to do some shopping, accompanied by some friends. In Newburgh she met Godwin, who persuaded her to have the marriage ceremony performed then and there. They started off for a clergyman, but on account of Laura's youth they could not find one willing to marry them. Then Godwin persuaded the girl to accompany him to Jersey City, and there they were married late in the day by the Rev. Mr. Westfield. When they reached the Forty-second street depot in New York to return to Newburgh at a hour? A marriage and the previous her proposition of the same position of the same position of the same position of the price's parents became reconcil

this place, and disputed the title of the late Col. Drake to the honor of having drilled the first oil well. He says that in 1829 a company was formed in the town of Burksville, Kentucky, for the purpose of drilling for salt. John H. Baker, his father, was President of the company. When the drill reached the depth of eighty feet a vein of petroleum was tapped. The oil at once began to flow. It boured from the ground in such volume that Ranox Creek, near which the well was, became literally a stream of oil. The petroleum was carried down stream to the Cumberland River. No one knew its character. For 20 miles the river was covered with the oil, and one day some one threw a lighted match upon it. Instantly the oil ignited. The fire spread rapidly along the stream, and for three days the valley was ablaze with the great confingration. The flow of oil was finally stopped, and the fire burned itself out. The well was abandoned as worthless, but it yielded oil for years. A man named De Gay bottled quantities of it, and sold it about the country as a liniment until his the drill reached the depth of eighty feet a vein worthess, but it yielded oil for years. A man named De Gay bottled quantities of it, and sold it about the country as a liniment until his death in 1831. The well to this day frequently astonishes the residents of the neighborhood by spouting a stream of oil. The appearance of the oil is preceded by loud rumbling and quaking of the earth, and when the flow begins an explosion like that of a cannon ensues.

There is no doubt of the truth of Mr. Baker's statements in regard to the discovery of petroleum on Ranox Creek in 1829, and the present existence of the well, for the fact was recorded as a great phenomenon by the newspapers of the day. But the honor of drilling the first oil well cannot be wrested from Col. Drake by the fact. The Kentucky well was a sore disappointment to its owner. Col. Drake's well at Titusville was drilled for the purpose of finding oil, and from the success of his venture dates the petroleum trade of the world.

SPORTING LIFE.

Rowell has retired on \$50,000. The Morgan horses have deteriorated in Vermont. Field trials of dogs are to be organized in California. Hermit heads the list of winning stallions of England Milwaukee is to organize a scullers' club next spring Lewis Stewart will train Mr. Belmont's stable in 1881 John E. Turner won \$21,024 with his trotters last year

The go-as you please in Boston last week was a recu-iary failure. Yale has ordered a steam launch to assist in coaching twing crews. There will be several new rich owners on the running urf next season.

A match between O'Leary and Weston might revive the pedestrian fever. The Pittsburgh dog and poultry show is to open on Jan. 12 and close on the 19th. There are 20,000 hounds in Great Britain, kept at an stimated cost of \$2,500,000. Santa Claus is to come East next season, if purses free or all stallions are hung up. The members of the American Jockey Club lately re-lected all of the old officers. Isola Bella, dam of Isonomy, was, says the Sportsonan, cought for 75 guineas in 1872.

Dan Mace is to drive Sorrel Dan next season. He thinks to can bring his record to 2 06. Experiments are being made with gas to lighten racing oats. Another chance for C. C. The London Field announces that there is an immense lemand for dogs of all breeds on the Continent. The National Association of Trotting Horse Breeders will hold their October meeting near New York. Hattie Woodward is reported in fine condition. She is to take her place among the trotters of the circuit. The Mystic Boat Club of Newark are considering the advisability of opening athletic games next season. The royal breeding establishment of racehorses at Hampton Court, England, has more than paid its way. The new racing association of Chicago offers upward of \$10,000 in stakes for the next summer's race meeting.

Mr. Leonard W. Jerome has changed the name of his filly Minme C to Mrs. Chubbs, and his colt Sarsfield to handoph.

Many turimen are forming private breeding establishments. The jutore looks bright both for trotters and sechorses. Entries for the Conev Island Jockey Club Stakes are rery numerous. The list for the cup is much larger than that of last year. toat of last year.

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Mr. W. I. Vanderbilt has presented Dan Mace with a gold timekeeper of French make bearing the name of The Vanderbilt.

Jean tiebelin, referee in the late Vignaux-Slosson match, is a much respected sportsman, over 55 years of age, and quite weating. match, is a much respected sportsman, over 50 years of age, and quite weathry.

Mr. W. A. Engeman recently sold all of his Long Island property except his raccourse to Mr. Henry C. Murphy and others, consideration, \$10,000 cash.

The North against South carring match is to take place Peb. S. in Critical Park, and deresy against New York Peb. 15, in Prospect Park. If the loc is in condition.

Fourteen head of the racing stack of the Middle Park stud recently sold in England were purchased for the American markst. Since of them are to be sold at the American Horse Exchange.

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MERRY NEW YEAR'S SKATERS. Excellent Sport in Central Park Suddenly

The large lake in Central Park was thronged yesterday with skaters and spectators from early in the morning till the ice was cleared after darkness set in. Thousands came to take the place of the hundreds who went away in the course of the afternoon, and at 4 o'clock the ice was black with moving groups. Along the banks parties of spectators clustered, and a fringe of sleighs occupied sightly points on the roads. Fast and fancy skating was impossible It was necessary at noon to sweep the ice. Before dark nearly half an tach more of fine chopped ice covered the surface like a fail of snow. Persons approaching the lake heard afar the ring of steel on the ice, mingled with the shouts of the skaters and the jingle of distant sleigh bells. The smaller lakes were closed. There was a spot at the upper end of the large lake where danger signals were displayed. The refershment booth was literally jammed, and did an enormous business with the young-stere in ples, cakes, apples, poanuts, &c. A majority of those present were boys and young men, though there were many preity girls on the lee. The erry of "Skates on?" resounded along the borders of the lake, and many an urchin earned an honest penny by putting on the skates of those who came with benumbed fingers. Skates of all kinds were seen, from the laney sliver-plated elub pattern to those of a by-gone generation, with torturing straps calculated to produce profanity and frequent stops to restore circuistion. The display of skill and grace was not equal to what it was acrily due to the fact that but little oupertunity within the past few years had been afforded for practice.

"How few there are now who can do this!" said he, as he started to execute a grapevine twist. When half way through he suddenly sat down.

"There's too many cracks in the ice for fancy skating," he explained.

Many ladies had escorts who pushed them swiftly over the ice on chairs. Two girls, with sealskin caps, attracted general attention, skating backward with hands linked together, as easily as forward, cutting the circle backward, and daneing the walts and galoo.

"This is about as large a crowd as I have ever seen on the lake after dark."

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Walking Into the New Year.

T. M. Buckley of the Adelphi Athletic Club. D. Lehane of the Scottish-American, F. W. Kane of the Pastime, E. P. Murray of the Williamsburgh, W. O'Keefe of the Manhattan, G. A. Vandenhoff of the Scottiss American, and J. J. Ravnes of the Pastime, contested for three gold medals in a twenty-five mile heel-and-toc wall ishing this story that Editor Winfield was knocked down, and it was for the blow that knocked him down that Mr. Mead has just paid \$105.

THE FIRST OIL WELL.

Petroleum Discovered in Kentucky More than Half a Century Ago.

Bradford, Pa., Jan. 1.—Edward Baker of Cumberland County, Kentucky, was recently in this place, and disputed the title of the late Col. at Wood's Athletic Grounds, Williamsburgh, on Frida

A Brakeman's Death.

SING SING, Jan. 1 .- Thomas Funk, a brake man on a western bound extra freight train on the Hud-son River Railroad, fell from the roof of a car yesterday as the train was passing this place, and was instantly killed. He was 20 years old, and a resident of Tivoli.

Firearms. To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: As stranger in this country, I am horrifled to read of the deaths that happen daily either from wilful or accidental

Without exaggeration, aimost every day when I have up the newspaper I see "A Snooting Affray in a Barroom," or "A Sad Death Through Accidental Shooting." I think the authorities are to a certain extent, blamside for allowing so many people in this civilized country to carry such deadly weapons as guins and pistols. I therefore come to the conclusion that the authorities in this young and prosperous country should take the same stringent measures as in England and other countries, and allow no one to carry or have on his premises fire-

The "Guy'nor" will be given at the matines at Wal-ack's Theatre next Wednesday.

Mr. Barrett continues to present "Yorick's Love" to arge audiences at Booth's Theatre. The Theatre Comique is crowded nightly with admirers of the "Mulligan Guard's Nominee." Mr. Bartley Campbell's new play, "My Geraldine," is drawing large houses at the Standard Theatre, "Forget Me Not" is no successful at Wallack's Theatre that it will hold the stage for some time to come. "Around the World in Eighty Days" is announced as Haverly's Brooklyn Theatre for the coming week. The "Creole" is in preparation at the Union Squar Theatre, where it will be produced on the 17th inst Miss Anderson will revive Tallourd's tracedy of "Ion o morrow evening at Haverly's Fifth Avenue Theatre. Mr. Denman Thompson as "Joshua Whitcomb" will entertain the audiences at the Brooklyn Park Theatre this week.

The new circus is a brilliant success at the Aquarium and the andleness of delighted juvenies are large and enthusiastic. enthusiastic.

Tony Pastor's Opera House maintains its unrivalled popularity and for New Year's week presents a most attractive bill.

'Uncle Tom's Cabin," real dogs, a good company, and 25 and 35 cents admission, is attracting attention at the Accelemy of Music. Academy of Music.

"The Danites" is filling the Grand Opera House, and Mr. and Mrs. McKee Rankin are received nightly with the warnest appliause.

"The World," another recent London success, is in preparation at Wallack's Theatre, where it is said that it will succeed "Forget Me-Not."

will succeed "Forget Me.Not."

The Williamsburgh Novelty Theatre will have "The Legion of Honor" for its attraction on Monday evening. Mr. Samuel Piercey is in the cast.

The Kirairys have the "Black Venus" in preparation at Nibio's Garden Theatre, and in the mean time "Humpty Dumpty" is drawing large holiday audiences. Miss Genvieve Ward is about to undertake a tour with "Forget Me.Not." under the management of Mr. Win. E. Sinn. the enterprising lessee of the Brookiyn Park Theatre.

The clever antics of the English clown at the Aquarium tures delight the children and please the ellers as well the circus is attracting large crowds afternoons and yenings. Balabury's Troubadours are deservedly popular, am the correduction of "The Brook" to morrow evening a Haverly's Fourteenth birest Theatre cannot but prove successful.

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The present is the last week of Rudolf Stal's orchestra at Koster & Stal's Twenty-third Street Concert Hall Patrick Sarsfield Gilmore is to ensue, beginning on Sunday evening, Jan. W.

There is a Dog Greus at the San Francisco Minstrels' Opera House, but it does not detract from the dignity of the great tragedian, Sunor C. Salvini Backus, whose Officile is an immersumation of rare poetic beauty. The character of Decasio Kicke in the permits i play of Hard Kirke" at the Madison Squire Theatre is now taken by Mr. Dominich Mirray. There is no apparent prospect of any other play being presented at this theatre for Ayar or two.

"Those Turn statum" is to be presented in a much improved form this week at Booth's Theatre. New scenery is to be introduced, some pertons of the play are to be control and others altered, and a much better general representation may be looked for The principal features of this Sunday evening's gala content at the Metrocolitan Concert lail are a number of Julia the Sandop Aronson's orchestra and the first appearance of the Yan Ger Aim Tyrofor Quintets.

Mr. A. M. Faimer will produce "Miss Multon!" on Twe second and produce to the first of a second.

by Rundight Aronau's oriental and the first appear ance of the Van der Alm Tyrole Quitattle.

Mr. A. M. Paimer will problee "Miss Multon" on Tuesday a terroom, when he promoses to give the first of a sense of extra manners. Miss Cara Morris, Miss Saralewett, and members of the Union Square Theatre company will be to the cast, so that the performances will be of exceptional interest. In the mean time "The Ranker's Designer" continues to sitract large and fashionable audiences.

Mr. Chang, one of the very few giants who find life endurable without a mintary title, is to be seen daily at Runnell's Museum at the corner of Anish street and Broadway. Mr. Chang is a respired, polite, and cultivated Mungolian who has travelled over the entire citized world, and who proposes shortly to return to the Flower's Kingdom rich in experience and wholly comportable in pocket.

WHY MR. GREEN RESIGNED. The Ex-Park Commissioner's Rap at the New

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The following is Andrew H. Green's letter of resignation as a Park Commissioner:

Draw Sur. At your-selection I accepted at your hands an appointment to the effice of Commissioner of the Determines to the effice of Commissioner of the Determines as the property of the commissioner of the Determines as would render it possible to restore the interesting works under its charge to something of their earlier condition.

I do not see that the first opportunity for making this charge has resulted in an appointment that promises such an improvement in the administration of the department as I expected and desired. As at present constituted it does not commissed the elements that are likely to work effectively together in the attainment of results that would satisfy my associated of public duty and responsibility. I therefore avail myself of the only of the medical commissioner of the Department of Value Parks. I am, with great respect, very truly yours.

Hou. Edward Coorea, Mayor of the City of New York.

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Ss Celte, from New York Dec. 17, at London, of her way to Rotterdam.
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RUNNING SORES.

RUNNING SORES.—Herry Landecker, Dover, N. H., certifies that Aug. 23, 1877, he broke his leg. The bone was set by a physician. Upon removing the solints, sores broke out from the knee to the heel. Doctors called them for stock inches, without are, sub-stock inches, and was rapidly and permanently cured. Certified to by Lothrops & Finkham, drucgists, Dover, N. H.

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HEARD—DE WINT.—In this city, Dec. 31, 1890, by the Rev. R. S. Howland, Eliza C., daughter of Dr. John B. Heard of Newburgh, N. Y., to Francis A. De Wint of this city,
LGVETT—BOGART.—At Aurora, Cayma Lake, Dec. 29,
1880, at St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. William H. Gasey,
assisted by the Rev. William Avrauit, D. D., A. de Belicen
Lovett to Kate Hamilton, daughter of William H. Bogart,
MURDOCK—SHILLAND.—At Sauthampton, Long Island,
on Wedocaday, Dec. 29, by the Rev. Andrew Shiland, D.
D., Mary Margaret, daughter of the officiating clergyman,
UPDIKE—MONTGOMERY.—At the residence of the
bride's parents, Jersey City Heights, N. J., on Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1880, by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Egbert, sessisted
by the Rev. Dr. Osborne, David S. Updike to Pannie,
youngest daughter of John Montgomery, Esq.

Sound reasons.

A Mistake Somewhere.

To the Editor of The Sun - Sir: The Rev. J. Hyait Smith. Congressman elect from Kings County has repeatedly stated in private and from the racred deak that he was born in 1834. The records of the Presbyterian church of Saratoga Springs aftern that he was baptized in 1821.

FOUTLIGHT FLASHES.

"Olivette" is entirely successful at the Bilou Opera House.
"Needles and Pins" is still the attraction at Daly's Theatre.
"One Hundred Wives" will be produced during the month in Booth's Theatre.

Solvin its to appear in "Macbeth" in Booth's Theatre in the course of some weeks.

Governe Fawcett Rowe is acting successfully in Canada in a new comedy of his own.

The "Gur'nor" will be given at the matines at Wallacks Theatre next Wednesday.

PIELIPS—To the Sun Garry of have on his premises fire the state residence, 100 kilos will be residence, 100 kilos will be freely successfully in Canada in a new comedy of his own.

PARNES—On Dec. 31, 1880, Mary L., wife file interest from his late residence, 100 kilos will be residence, 100 kilos will. Brounday. Jan. 3, 1880, Mary L., wife of the late James H. Brundage, Jr.

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Funeral from Broadway Tabernacle Church, corner of
34th st., on Sunday, Jan. 2, at 2 30 P. M. Friends are invited to attend without further notice.

PERRY—Mrs. Mary, wallow of Aired Perry, died Dec.

31. aged 75 years.

Funeral attended from her into residence, Pairfield,
Conn..aa.1 P. M. on Menday, Jan. 3, 1881.

POPE—On Wednesslay, Dec. 29, of pneumonia, John
Pope, artist.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held at Dr.
Croaby's church, corner of 221 st. and 4th ay, on Monday, Jan. 3, 1881, at 2 P. M.

The members of the Artists Fund Society are also invited to attend.

TISRALS—At Greenpoint, Brooklyn, Jan. 1, in the 13th
year of her are. Annie Rowland, daughter of Henry B.

And Ruth A Tibulas.

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days had to Colock. A M. Irain from New York.

WHITE—On Saturday Jan. 1, May Eighabeth, second
dayscher of Catherine and the late James White.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral,
which will take place from her late residence, 13 East
56th st., on Tuesday, Jan. 4, at 2 P. M.

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